

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-4 and 7-8 have been cancelled and claims 5 and 6 have been amended.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,915,489 to Minko (Minko). Claims 1-4 have been cancelled and thus this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of such rejection over such claims is respectfully requested.

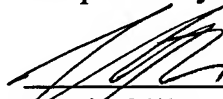
The Applicant has amended claims 5 and 6 to include the all of the limitations of claim 1 and any intervening claims to place such claims in condition for allowance, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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